

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 9, 2006, the Examiner provided an Examiner's amendment based on a telephone interview of August 7, 2006. Unfortunately, the Examiner's amendment includes minor clerical errors in claims 30 and 34. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to correct these errors.

On August 7, 2006, the Examiner contacted the undersigned attorney to discuss the pending claims of the instant application. Particularly, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-29 were in condition for allowance, but suggested that claims 30-36 failed to recite a concrete or tangible result. Applicants respectfully traversed this assertion in the interview, noting that the rejection appeared to be based on the present interim guidelines regarding subject matter eligibility promulgated by the Patent Office, which mischaracterize the current state of the law and set forth a number of fictional requirements that are unsupported by, and even inconsistent with, the precedent established by the Federal Circuit. *See, e.g., State Street Bank & Trust Co. v. Signature Financial Group Inc.*, 47 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *AT&T Corp. v. Excel Communications, Inc.*, 50 U.S.P.Q.2d 1447 (Fed. Cir. 1999).

In the interest of advancing prosecution of this case, however, Applicants agreed to amend independent claims 30 and 34 to place the application in condition for allowance. Particularly, the undersigned representative and the Examiner agreed to several amendments that obviated the basis of the rejection. Immediately after the interview, the Examiner helpfully provided the undersigned with a draft copy of the Examiner's amendment. On the same day, Applicants' representative responded to this draft copy, noting various clerical and grammatical errors, and provided clarifying amendments to the Examiner's draft copy. Unfortunately, the Examiner's amendment was provided in the Notice of Allowability in its draft form, and failed to include the corrections previously indicated by the undersigned representative. Applicants

respectfully note that the present amendments are provided to correct the previously noted clerical errors. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the present application to ensure clear and precise recitations of the presently claimed technique in claims 30 and 34. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the present amendment, or would like to resolve any remaining issue by way of telephonic conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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